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EMS WEEK EVENTS

The week of May 20 through 26, 2001 has been designated National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week. The theme of this years recognition events is "**Answering The Call.**" During this week pre-hospital care providers are recognized for their life saving efforts and devotion to duty. The Lincoln Fire Department has planned several special events during EMS Week to recognize and emphasize the importance of EMS within our community.

On Saturday, May 19th Lincoln Fire & Rescue will hold it's annual "FunRun/Zoo Day" at the Folsom Children's Zoo. Registration is at 9:30 am. And the Fun Run/Walk will start at 10:00 a.m.

On Monday, May 21, firefighters will kick off the "Battle of the Badges" contest and participate in a special blood donor program at the Lincoln Community Blood Bank at 30th & "O" Street. Everyone in the community is invited to join the firefighters in giving a pint of blood to help our EMS providers, "*Meet the Challenge*". This event kicks off the S.O. S., Save Our Summer blood drive. Staff will be available from 6:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday -Thursday to accept donations. Refreshments will be available. Call 474-1781 for an appointment or just show up.

On Thursday, May 24th there will be an awards ceremony held at the Firefighters Reception Hall, 241 Victory Lane at 6:30 p.m. to recognize those fire department crews who participated in saving a life in 2000. Members of the engine crews who participated in the "save" will receive a "*Phoenix Award*" in recognition for giving someone another chance at life. During 2000 thirteen (13) Lincoln citizens who were clinically dead were revived by EMS teams and eventually released from the hospital. The 911 Center dispatchers who were part of these life saving teams will also be recognized at the award ceremony. Coffee, and refreshments will be available for all at this recognition event.

On Saturday, May 26th, at 12:00 noon, there will be a Torch Run for the 2001 Police and Fire World Games through the streets of downtown Lincoln. The Mayor, as well as representatives from Lincoln Fire & Rescue and Lincoln Police Department will be at the City County front steps for a kick off ceremony prior to the Torch Run.

Contact: Deputy Chief Bill Madison 441-8371 for more information.